

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
April 7, 2004

**I.
Call to Order
and Roll Call**

Chair Iloreto called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. A quorum of Commissioners Lind, Luna, Lee and Mandal were present.
Commissioners Abelardo, Cook, Ranker and alternate Fang arrived at 7:00 p.m.
Absent: Commissioners Mohsin, Pham, Queenan, and Robinson

**II.
Seating of
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Luna and Lind

**III.
Pledge of
Allegiance**

Commissioner Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.
Approval of
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Mandal, Luna

Ayes: 5

**V.
Approval of
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of March 31, 2004.

M/S: Lind, Luna

Ayes: 5

**VI.
Announcements**

There were no announcements made.

**VII.
Citizens' Forum**

Chair Iloreto invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. There were no requests.

**VIII.
Liaison Reports**

A. City Council

Councilmember Polanski was not present at the meeting.

**IX.
New Business**

a. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

Neighborhood Preservation (Lee, Mohsin, Queenan, and Robinson)
Staff report that the City Council voted to accept the definition of family, but requested more understanding of the Planning Commission's decision on the garage conversion

issue and wanted this issue to come back after parking was looked at more carefully as they did not believe that disallowing garage conversions solved the parking complaints.

Mayor's Term Length (Mohsin, Lee, Mandal, and Pham)

The Mayor's Term Length was the topic of the public hearing held this evening, therefore it was not discussed at this point in the agenda.

50th Year Anniversary (Mohsin, Mandal and Lind)

Commissioner Lind stated the City would not be having a parade this year for the 4th of July. The holiday is on Sunday and would conflict with the church services that take place on Main St. and after City staff interviewed several merchants and churches, they asked the City to please not tie up their streets and create huge traffic jams. Staff is looking into perhaps having a community picnic, which was held in the past, which will be recommended to the City Recreation Division and the City Council.

Ethics (Abelardo, Lind, Ranker, and Robinson)

The second workshop was held later in the agenda, therefore this was not discussed at this point.

Tree Ordinance/Heritage Tree Program (Iloreta, Lee and Cook)

The subcommittee noted no new status.

Tree Decorating Celebration (Abelardo, Cook, Pham, Robinson)

No new status was noted since this December event is not yet in the planning stages.

b. Ethics Code Preparation Workshop #2.

Staff introduced themselves and thanked everyone who attended the first workshop and had returned to Workshop #2 to help write the city's ethics code. To get a sense of the various groups represented by those in attendance, staff identified department senior staff, the city manager, assistant city manager, boards and commissioners and two members of the public (see attached sheet listing all those in attendance) after which participants were asked to turn to the person sitting next to them and introduce themselves. Staff then introduced Dr. Shanks, the city's ethics consultant and Dr. Philip Riley, also hired by the city to assist with the code preparation workshops. Dr. Shanks then thanked staff for the work they have done thus far to keep this project moving. Dr. Shanks proceeded with a warm-up/ice breaker exercise where participants were asked a series of ethics-related questions.

Results of the previous workshop (Workshop #1 held 3/31/04) were reviewed that involved Dr. Shanks taking the list of values developed at the first workshop and combining related ones into a list of 8. After much discussion from participants, there was consensus to further collapse the list into 6 core values, which are reflected on the attached "Draft Core Values to Include in Code of Ethics". Dr. Shanks then presented a real world ethical situation and asked the participants whether the list of 6 core values was comprehensive enough to guide someone faced with this real world ethical situation. It was agreed that the list of 6 core values did.

Participants were then broken into 6 work groups, each working on one of the 6 values. Each group was asked to complete a worksheet called, "Translating Values into Code of Conduct" to develop a description of the core value, descriptors (related values) and role model behaviors and bad behaviors for their assigned core value. The results of each groups work are reflected in the 6 attached worksheets. A representative from each group was asked to present their group's work for the benefit of all participants. Dr. Shanks concluded the workshop with a preview of the work to be done at the next workshop to be held on Thursday, April 22, 2004.

**X.
Public Hearing**

a. Mayor's Term Length and Term Limit.

Staff stated that at the December 2, 2003 City Council meeting, the Council requested the CAC to re-evaluate the recommendation to increase the term length from 2 years to 4 years after studying the relationship to term limits and seeking public input to determine whether there is enough support to go forward with the November 2004 election ballot question.

Karen Serpa, Unincorporated area – Ms. Serpa stated that she feels the Mayor's term should remain as a 2-year term. It places on the Mayor accountability to the residents of Milpitas. She stated the City of Milpitas has much to say about what we can and cannot do. Therefore, all citizens, need to be part of the process of making decisions. She personally believes in a collaborative effort. She wants the facts to be known regarding her and Supervisor McHugh's interviews by the CAC about their position on this issue. She reminded everyone that she and Supervisor McHugh were misrepresented at the time as being in favor of a 4-year term limit.

Chair Iloreta read an excerpt from the attached letter from Commissioner Mareile-Angy Ogle (Arts Commission) who is very concerned about the 2-year term of Mayor.

Ed Connor, 1515 N. Milpitas Blvd. – Mr. Connor stated that the state voted for a 2-year term. He discussed how things in Milpitas have changed over the years, but asserted that his opinion is that 2 years is appropriate.

MOTION to close the public hearing.

M/S: Mandal, Abelardo

Ayes: 5

Chair Iloreta stated that the subcommittee would consider tonight's public comments and would make their final report at the May 5, 2004 CAC meeting for action on forwarding a recommendation to City Council at their May 18, 2004 meeting.

Chair Iloreta stated that the next special CAC meeting would be held on April 22, 2004 at 6:45 pm.

**XI.
Adjournment**

Chair Iloreta adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. to the April 22, 2004 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary